

IN THE CLAIMS

Page 7, line 1, change "Patent Claims" to --What is claimed is--.

Cancel claims 1-6 and add new claims 7-12, reading as follows:

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7. (New) In an arrangement for coupling at least one beam of optical tweezers for trapping particles and/or a treatment beam into a microscope beam path, preferably in a laser scanning microscope, comprising means for changing the position of the beam focus of the optical tweezers and/or of the treatment beam in a freely adjustable manner for purposes of changing the focal position of the microscope.

8. (New) The arrangement according to claim 7, wherein separate movable optics are provided for changing the position of the beam focus.

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9 (New) The arrangement according to claim 7, wherein the beam outlet and/or illumination optics of the optical tweezers and/or of the treatment beam are/is displaceable in the direction of the optical axis.

10. (New) The arrangement according to claim 7, wherein the change is controllable and causes a movement of the optical tweezers and/or of the treatment beam in the direction opposite to the movement of the microscope objective.

11. (New) The arrangement according to claim 7, with a defined control of the displacement by previously stored or calculated values depending on the focal position.

12. (New) The arrangement according to claim 7, wherein there is provided a plurality of optical tweezers and/or treatment beams which are adjustable individually and/or jointly with respect to their focal position.